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SWALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

Dr. PRIDEAUX SELBY

Acting Medical Officer of Health,

WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT OF

A. J. HURN, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Chief Sanitary Inspector,

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1939

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,-

I beg to present an Annual Report for the year ended December 31st, 1939. Curtailed in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

With this Report is incorporated that of your Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. A.J. Hurn, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY

See Chief Sanitary Inspector's Report.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

School Clinics: At 36 Albany Road, Sittingbourne, Saturday morning from 10 to 12, and at Davington School, three times a week by the Health Visitor under the Kent County Council.

Dental Clinic: 36 Albany Road, Sittingbourne, Fridays from 10 o'clock till 5.p.m.

Eye Clinic: 26 Albany Road, Sittingbourne, Tuesdays 9.30 and 1.30 by appointment.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

The above are held as follows:-

Teynham; St John's Hut, Thursdays 2 to 4, Kent County Council.

Newnham; The Old School, 2nd and 4th Fridays, 2 to 4, Kent County Council.

Boughton; Sunday School, Wednesdays 2 to 4, Kent County Council.

Faversham; Queen's Hall Clinic, Tuesdays, Fridays, 2 to 4, Kent County Council.

Selling; Village Hall, 2nd Wednesday, fortnightly from October to May, Kent County Council.

Newington; Women's Institute, London Road, Alternate Tuesdays 2 to 4, Sittingbourne and Milton Maternity and Infant Welfare Committee.

Throwley Y.M.C.A. Hut, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2 o'clock.

Borden, Tunstall and Bredgar; Borden Parish Hall, Thursdays 2 to 4.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

An Ante-Natal Clinic is held on the 4th Tuesday in every month at the Faversham Centre, and at Teynham from 10.a.m. to 12, 1st Thursday in each month. Midwives operate in all Districts.

There are a Tuberculosis Dispensary and a Treatment Centre for Venereal Disease situated at Albion Terrace, Faversham, provided by the Kent County Council.

TIMES OF ATTENDANCE.

Faversham Venereal Clinic:- Men Fridays, 6.30 to 7.30.p.m. Women, Saturdays, 1.30 to 2.30.p.m.

Faversham Tuberculosis Clinic:- Males and Females, Wednesdays, 11 to 1 o'clock.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following cases of infectious disease were notified during the year:-

SCARLET FEVER	125
DIPHTHERIA	18
PNEUMONIA	8
POLIO MYELITIS	5
CEREBRO SPINAL	1
MENINGITIS	
OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM	1
PERIPHERAL PYREXIA	3
ERYSIPELAS	5

One death occurred from Diphtheria and one from Pneumonia.

TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS, 1930

Under these Regulations the Medical Officer of Health is required to keep an up-to-date Register of all notified cases.

The cases during the year were as follows:-

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
No. on Register, 1st January, 1939	49	32	81
No. on Register, 31st December, 1939	43	31	74

Of the above cases 6 removed to other Districts, 3 died, 1 was cancelled, and 5 recovered.

8 fresh cases were added to the Register.

I must express my appreciation of the work of Mr. Hurn, your Sanitary Inspector, a most capable and efficient officer.

Appended is his Report. The duties of the Medical Officer of Health concerned with Air Raid Precautions as laid down by the Home Office and Ministry of Health are being carried out under the County Medical Officer of Health by me.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

PRIDEAUX SELBY,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

C H I E F S A N I T A R Y I N S P E C T O R S ' S
A N N U A L R E P O R T

Year ended December 31st, 1939.

Public Health Dept.
12, Market Place,
Faversham.
June, 1940

To. Dr. Prideaux Selby,
Medical Officer of Health,
Swale Rural District.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report of work carried out by my department during the year ended 31st December, 1939.

1. GENERAL.

Number of House Inspections	415
Number of House Re-Inspections	1689
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Total	2104
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Number of Notices Served:-

Preliminary	129
Statutory	Nil
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Total	129
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Number of written complaints received	17
Number of letters written	184
Number of School notices (Infectious disease) sent out	105

2. HOUSING DEFECTS.

Walls repaired	19
Ceilings repaired	4
Roofs repaired	7
Windows repaired	17
Floors repaired	22
Eaves gutters and rain water pipes repaired	4
Yards paved	19
Dampness remedied	18
Premises cleaned	2
Miscellaneous	44

3. DRAINS AND CESSPOOLS.

New drains	6
Drains relaid and repaired	8
Drains and cesspools ventilated	1
Drains cleaned	8
Drains tested	20
New baths and lavatory basins provided	7
New sinks provided	18
Cesspools abolished	2
Cesspools and septic tanks constructed	4
Cesspools repaired	5
Gully traps provided	7

4. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

New water closets constructed	6
New pail closets constructed	2
Water laid to water closets	7
New pans and traps	8
Privy middens converted to water closets	9
Privy middens converted to pail closets	8
Privy middens abolished	19
Structures repaired	10
New closet pails	1
Miscellaneous	6

5. WATER SUPPLY

Number of samples taken for analysis	10
.. .. wells cleaned or chlorinated	nil
.. .. wells repaired	nil
.. .. houses connected to main	7

6. FACTORIES (INCLUDING BAKEHOUSES)

Number on Register	117
.. of Inspections	39
.. of defects found	9
.. of defects remedied	9

7. COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Number of cowkeepers on Register	60
.. .. retail purveyors on Register	75
.. .. premises on Register	116
.. .. inspections	201
.. .. defects found	12
.. .. defects remedied	12
.. .. samples taken	35

8. SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

Number of Registered slaughterhouses	13
.. .. licensed slaughterhouses	4
.. .. inspections (including butchers' shops)	627
.. .. defects found	6
.. .. defects remedied	6

MEAT AND FOOD SUPPLY.

The amount of food condemned during the year on account of diseased and unsound conditions was approximately 18cwt. 2qrs. 8lbs.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND SLAUGHTERING.

The provisions of the Public Health legislation relating to slaughterhouses and slaughtering were, on the whole, well complied with and no trouble has been experienced during the year.

MILK SUPPLY.

The District contains 116 premises registered as dairies with 60 producers and 75 retail purveyors.

Designated milk is produced at 18 farms and 35 samples of this milk were taken during the year for examination by the County Pathologist.

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The Cowsheds and dairies were generally kept in a satisfactory condition.

WATER SUPPLY.

No important extensions to the water mains in the District have been undertaken during the year, except that of the Mid-Kent main of approximately one mile from Lewson Street to Deerton Street in the Parish of Teynham.

Ten samples of water, six from wells and four from mains, were taken from chemical analysis during the year.

Main water is supplied by the Mid Kent, Rainham, Sittingbourne and Faversham Water Companies.

Samples of water for bacteriological examination are taken quarterly from the Mid Kent, Rainham and Sittingbourne Water Companies mains.

HOUSING.

No new houses were erected by the Council during the year.

20 houses were erected by private enterprise during the year in the following parishes:-

Bapchild	1	Hernhill	1
Borden	4	Iwade	1
Boughton	2	Newington	2
Bredgar	1	Ospringe	1
Dunkirk	1	Selling	1
Hartlip	2	Upchurch	3
		Total	<u>20</u>

Owing to the outbreak of war and in accordance with the Minister's instructions the report this year has been curtailed.

In November last the Additional Sanitary Inspector Mr. G. Longley relinquished his appointment with this Council to commence duty with another Authority.

Since his departure I have endeavoured to carry out Sanitary Inspection of the District without further assistance.

This, in conjunction with A.R.P. duties has been, at times somewhat onerous but, up to the present, it has not been impossible and I would assure you of the continued efforts of the staff in Public Health matters at a difficult time.

Thanking you, Sir, the Council and the Clerk for your kind support.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

A. J. HURN,

C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

